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employed at these stations is thorough and effectual. The fact that Russians are shipped by way of Hango in Finland to avoid disinfection at the German frontier is also contributory evidence of value.

There is nothing new in the freight situation at this port.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine Hospital Service.*

*Report from Southampton.*

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *February 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected at this port during the week ended February 10: Wednesday, February 7, steamship *Lahn*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 34 first and 1 second cabin passengers, and no luggage. As directed I procured the surgeon's certificate that no disease, infectious or contagious, had occurred on board since leaving port. Saturday, February 10, steamship *Saint Paul*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 128 second-cabin and 191 steerage passengers and 67 pieces of large and 228 pieces of small luggage. Five steerage passengers were rejected, 1 for favus, 4 for trachoma. Ten pieces of large luggage were disinfected, composed of bedding.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBODY,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

GERMANY.

*Report from Bremen.*

BREMEN, *February 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of the abstract of bills of health issued at the port of Bremen during the past week. This vicinity remains free from quarantinable diseases, and the slight epidemic of smallpox at Königsberg is reported as almost at an end. Only 1 case appeared during the past week. An epidemic of influenza is prevailing in Bremen, but as this is a disease for which no official report is required by the city health authorities, I am unable to give the number of cases and the mortality. An examination, however, of the weekly mortality reports for the last few months shows only a slight increase in the death rate, so it is likely that the epidemic is prevailing in a mild form.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Hamburg—Influenza prevalent.*

HAMBURG, *February 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended February 19, 1900: The steamship *Phœnicia*, of the Hamburg-American line, sailed

on Sunday, the 4th, carrying 766 steerage passengers. For these passengers 381 pieces of baggage were inspected and 126 were disinfected. The steamship *Pennsylvania* was inspected with reference to steerage accommodations on Friday, the 9th, preparatory to her sailing the following Sunday. Bills of health were issued during the week to 14 vessels, of which 12 carried cargo. The health of the port remains good, except for the increase in the prevalence of influenza, of which disease 595 cases were officially reported for the week ended February 3. There is some increase in the number of deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs, but the deaths directly ascribed to influenza are not reported. P. A. Surg. J. B. Greene visited me on the 8th instant for a conference on the subject of our work.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Smallpox in Königsberg.*

STETTIN, February 1, 1900.

SIR: I beg to state that advice from our agent at Königsberg reports 8 cases, of which 3 proved fatal. Every precaution to prevent an epidemic is being put to use. Should it become epidemic, paragraphs 6 and 7 of article 4, Quarantine Regulations, will be put into force by refusing to certify to invoices for shipment of rags, etc. There is no direct steamship connection between Königsberg and the United States.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. KEHL,

*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

HAITI.

*Dysentery prevalent in Nippes.*

CAPE HAITIEN, January 19, 1900.

SIR: I beg leave to hand you inclosed a translation of a medical report addressed to the Haitien Government by 2 doctors who were sent to the arrondissement of Nippes in the south of Haiti to investigate and report on a sickness that broke out in these localities in epidemic form some six months ago, and it seems is still spreading over other localities. No exact name is given to this malady, but thinking it important for the United States medical authorities to know about it at earliest opportunity, and not knowing whether the legation in Port au Prince had already the time to forward said report, I think I have acted to the Department's satisfaction in forwarding the report and its translation to-day.

Under separate cover I send the Official Gazette, which contains this report.

Respectfully,

T. BEHRMANN.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

PORT AU PRINCE, January 5, 1900.

SIR: Appointed by your Government to go and study the epidemic, raging in the plains of the arrondissement of Nippes, in order to determine its nature, we made haste to depart on the steamer *Nouvelle Voldroque*, and were at the place on December 19, 1899.